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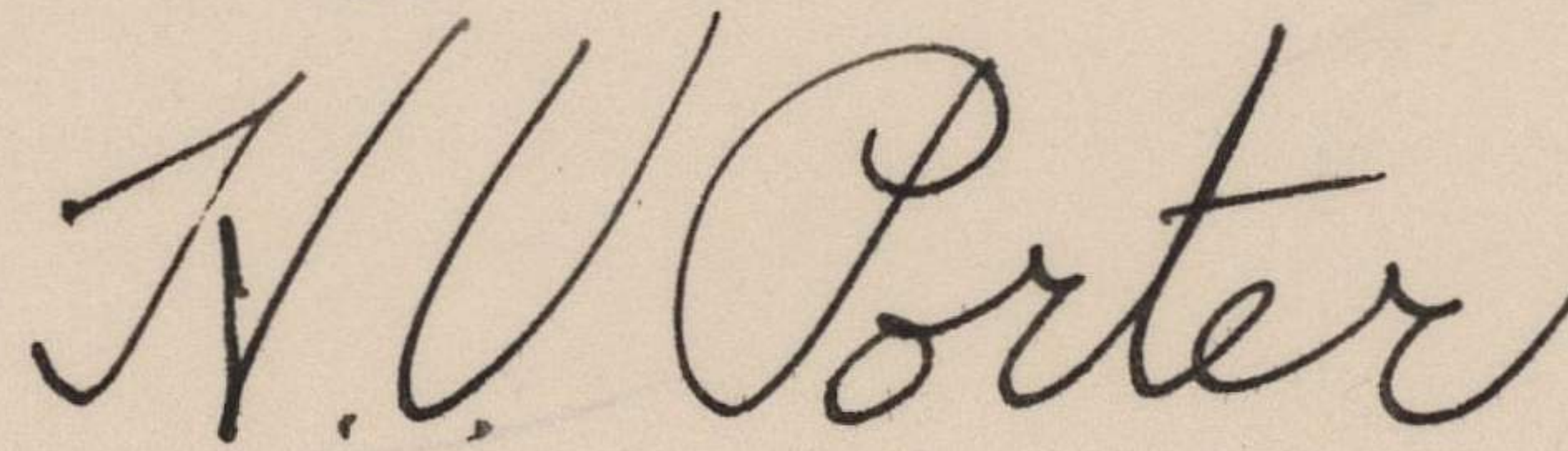
about two feet. The lower edge of the backboard might remain parallel with the floor or if the fan shape is to be tried, it might be sloped upward from the center.

I think it might be well for the Research Committee to standardize by recommending experimentation with definite board sizes as indicated above. We could then make up a table which would give us information as to how many times the border surface outside the marked areas were actually used, i.e., how many times the ball was prevented from going out of bounds through hitting this extra surface and how many times a basket was actually made through banking from the border surface. We should also provide a place for the reaction of players to actual use of the smaller surface. This might help determine whether the larger target has a good or bad mental effect. We might also find how much of the corner floor space at the end would be made available for shooting territory through the reduction of the backboard size and also how much more opportunity there is for a player to shoot from farther under the backboard through the elimination of the lower eight or ten inches. We could also determine the additional number of end seats that might be within view of the basket ring in a given sized gymnasium.

If you decide to specify the actual portions that are to be eliminated for experimentatl purposes, we will be glad to conduct rather extensive experimentation and will give the matter considerable publicity through the Illinois High School Athlete and from it through other state publications.

Let me have your reaction.

Yours truly,



Secretary

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